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City Continues Neighborhood Surveys

South Wheeling is Second Neighborhood to Participate

Wheeling, WV - Members of the South Wheeling community are being requested to participate in an online survey during the month of September. This includes people that live, work, worship, play or otherwise have an interest in the area between 29th and 48th Streets. The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWheeling

The City's current comprehensive plan – Envision Wheeling – calls for a neighborhood assessment program. The goal is to develop strategies for incorporating Wheeling's unique neighborhoods into the fabric of the city and its development. The Envision Wheeling Implementation Committee formed the Neighborhood Working Group (NWG) to assess quality of life, safety, infrastructure, and community involvement within various sections of the city.

To begin the assessment, the NWG is partnering with neighborhood organizations to conduct citizen surveys. The process will review one area at a time to determine ways that Wheeling can better serve its neighborhoods as well as how the communities can become more connected city-wide.

South Wheeling is the second neighborhood to participate in the survey program. Volunteers in the South Wheeling neighborhood are implementing the survey and will analyze the results after the survey closes on September 30. The volunteers will then work with community members to address the issues and ideas presented. The Warwood community was the first to participate in this program and have begun to address some of the issues that were raised in that survey.

Beyond assessing the neighborhoods, the NWG hopes to empower the community. Many residents benefit from some type of community organization – a neighborhood association, crime watch, or service group for example. The goal is to empower each neighborhood to form or strengthen these networks and become active in the growth and revitalization of our city as a whole.

Ginger Kabala, President of the South Wheeling Preservation Alliance (SWPA) and other members of the South Wheeling community are leading this effort. Volunteers looking to help can contact Ms. Kabala at (304) 233-8917. Hard copies of the survey are available at SWPA 3501 Jacob Street.